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**Applicant:** Gut, I. et al. **Conf.:** 8231  
**Appl. No.:** 09/555,971 **Group:** 1634  
**Filed:** November 14, 2000 **Examiner:** LU, FRANK W.M.  
**For:** METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID  
 BY MEANS OF ELECTROSPRAY MASS SPECTROMETRY

**SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.